

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JANUARY 4, 2011

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:35 p.m., at the Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**

Carl Eisenmann, Esq.

Monsignor William A. Genuario

Aimee Golbert, LCSW

Honorable John W. Pickard

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender

Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Paula Montonye, Special Public Defender

Temmy Pieszak, Chief of Habeas Corpus Services

Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Proposed Adjustments to the Current Special Public Defender List.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Assistant Public Defender, John L. Stawicki, Hartford Judicial District, upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Catherine O. Brennan, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 1/19/15; Assistant Public Defender, Rashad K. Glass, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 1/19/15; Assistant Public Defender, Cortney A. Volz, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 1/19/15; and Assistant Public Defender, Erica L. Wardle, Waterbury Juvenile Matters, expiring on 1/19/15.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the educational leave request of Public Defender Administrative Assistant, Karma Daigle, Special Public Defenders Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, to obtain her bachelor's degree.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the educational leave request of Public Defender Administrative Assistant, Karma Daigle, Special Public Defenders Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:43 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Darcy McGraw to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Habeas Corpus Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:17 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:58 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve an Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Robert Breton vs. Warden for the amount requested.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses in the matter of Richard Reynolds vs. Warden. It should be noted that one of the Authorizations to Incur Expenses was approved at a total of one-half of the amount requested.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

The Chief Public Defender read the Declaration from Governor Jodi Rell, honoring Carl Eisenmann, Esq., former Chair of the Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender